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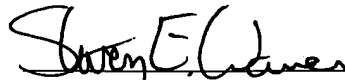
Applicants request favorable consideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 13, 14, 16 and 18 are presented for consideration. Claims 13 and 18 are independent. Claim 18 has been added to recite additional features of the subject invention. Support for this claim can be found in the application as originally filed, for example, with respect to the discussion of Example 4. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

Claims 13, 14 and 16 were previously allowed in this application. Applicants submit new independent claim 18 likewise patentably defines features of the apparatus for forming a pattern of the present invention. Accordingly, the instant application should be in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

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